

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Catholic Theological Society of America held its sixty-third annual convention June 5-8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Miami, Florida. The theme of the convention was "Generations." Registration took place from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 5th. The continuing group, Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, held its session from 3:00-5:30 p.m. The 2008 Ann O'Hara Graff Award was presented to Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Monmouth University. At the opening session, President Margaret O'Gara presided and Archbishop John C. Favolora of the Archdiocese of Miami, Florida welcomed the convention participants. CTSA president Margaret O'Gara led the opening prayer, assisted by Nancy Pineda-Madrid, CTSA board member and Judith Kubicki, accompanist. The ceremony included a brief memorial for nine CTSA members who had died since the time of the last convention: Emily McKay Binns, Paul M. Boyle, Walter Burkhardt, Anne Carr, Francis A. Eigo, Sally McReynolds, Bernard Quinn, George H. Tavard, and William Toth. The first plenary address followed. The evening concluded with a reception. CTSA gratefully acknowledges Barry University, St. Leo University, St. Thomas University, and St. Vincent de Paul Seminary for subsidizing the event and for their gracious hospitality and generous support throughout the convention.

The business meeting took place in the late afternoon of Friday, June 6th. The president's reception for new and "newer" members followed the business meeting. Receptions were also sponsored by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, The Catholic University of America, *Theological Studies*, Duquesne University and Liturgical Press.

The convention's liturgy was celebrated in the late afternoon of Saturday, June 7, at the Gesu Church, Miami. CTSA member Thomas Rausch presided and CTSA President Margaret O'Gara gave a reflection. Following the liturgy, a reception and the convention banquet were held at the Hyatt Regency, Hotel. Toward the end of the meal, President Margaret O'Gara read the citation for the John Courtney Murray Award and presented the plaque, medal and check to Lisa Sowle Cahill.

Morning prayer, facilitated by Steve O'Hala and Michael McCormick, was held from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On various days throughout the convention there were special receptions, breakfasts, or other meetings for such groups as the Karl Rahner Society, The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Theological Studies Editorial Consultants, and the conveners of program and research groups.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday Afternoon and Evening June 5, 2008

3:00-5:30 Pre-Convention Session: *Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology*

“Generation after Generation: The Changing Shape of Family Relationships”

Co-conveners: Colleen Carpenter Cullinan, College of St. Catherine
Phyllis Kaminski, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

Moderator: Elisabeth Brinkmann, College of New Rochelle

Presenters: Anita Houck, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
“Being Single: Vocation, Sacrament, and the New Majority”

Dawn Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union

“Accompanying a Parent Through the ‘Long Good-Bye’: Friendship, Alzheimers, and Changing Unto God”

4:30-5:00 Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award Presentation to Barbara Hilkert Andolsen, Monmouth University

5:00-5:30 Business Meeting

7:00-9:00 *Opening and First Plenary Session*

Presiding: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
President, CTSA

Opening Prayer and Remembrances: Margaret O'Gara

Welcome: Archbishop John C. Favalora, Archdiocese of Miami

Opening Address: James D. Davidson, Purdue University
“Generations of American Catholics”

Respondent: Maureen O'Connell, Fordham University

9:15 p.m. *Reception*

Friday Morning, June 6, 2008

8:00-9:00 Jesuit School of Theology Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Morning Prayer

9:00-10:30 *Second Plenary Session*

Presiding: Daniel Finn, St. John's University, Collegeville, Past President,
CTSA

Address: M. T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
“Catholic Hispanic Theology in the U.S.: Dimensiones de la Opción Preferencial por los Pobres en el Norte”

Respondent: Allan Figueroa Deck, Loyola Marymount University

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 *Concurrent Sessions*

1. "Seminarians, Formation for Priesthood, and Pastoral Requirements: Generational Shifts." Invited Session
Moderator: Joseph Zalot, College of Mt. St. Joseph
Presenter: Katarina Schuth., University of St. Thomas, MN
Respondents: Roger McGrath, Diocese of Camden
2. "The New Political Theology"—Thirty Years Later. Selected Session
Moderator: Kevin F. Burke, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Presenter: Matthew Ashley, University of Notre Dame
Respondent: Mary Doak, University of San Diego
3. Theological Anthropology. Topic Session
"From Out of Motherhood: Considering the Human Condition from a New Perspective"
Convener: Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University
Moderator: Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Panelists: Elena Procario-Foley, Iona College
Susan Abraham, Harvard Divinity School
Rosemary Carbine, Holy Cross
Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
Laura Taylor, Vanderbilt University
4. Bioethics/Healthcare. Topic Session
"The Moral Significance of Biological Information"
Moderator and Convener: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College
Presenters: Brian Johnstone, Catholic University of America
"Global Bioethics: The Contribution of the Theory of Gift"
Nicholas Kockler, Loyola Marymount University.
"The Moral Significance of Biological Information: Moral Methodology and Emerging Biotechnology"
Allison Benders and Marie Dietrich, Ursuline College
"Ashley's Treatment: Preserving Human Dignity and the Common Good through Agape"
5. Comparative Theology. Topic Session
"How We Began to Learn World Religions . . ."
Convener and Moderator: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
Panelists: Gerard Sloyan, Catholic University and Temple University, emeritus
Francis Clooney, Harvard University
Ted Ulrich, St. Thomas University
Respondent: Catherine Cornille, Boston College
6. God/Trinity. Topic Session
"God in All Things"
Convener: Elizabeth T. Groppe, Xavier University

Moderator: Cara L. Anthony, University of St. Thomas

Presenters: Paul J. Fitzgerald, Santa Clara University

“Finding God in All Things: An Ignatian Environmental Ethic”

Terence Nichols, University of St. Thomas

“Understanding God from the Things That are Made (Rom. 1:20)”

7. Judaism & Postconciliar Catholic Identity. Interest Group

Convener & Moderator: Carol Ann Martinelli, Independent Scholar, Detroit

Presenters: John D. Dadosky, Regis College

Ellen M. Leonard, University of St. Michael’s College

“Covenant & Mission—How Differing Understandings Affect Catholic Identity: An Ecclesiological Perspective in the Light of Postconciliar Approaches to Judaism”

8. “Catholic Studies: An Effective Strategy for Handing On the Faith to the Next Generation?” Selected Session

Convener: Dave Gentry-Akin, Saint Mary’s College of California

Moderator: Jaime Phelps, Xavier University of Louisiana

Presenters/Panelists: Don Briel, University of Saint Thomas

Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

Dave Gentry-Akin, Saint Mary’s College of California

Richard M. Liddy, Seton Hall University

9. Practical Theology. Topic Session

“Generations and Tradition: Sexuality and Spirituality”

Convener: Raymond J. Webb, University of Saint Mary of the Lake

Moderator: Thomas Beaudoin, Santa Clara University

Presenters: Thomas F. Ryan, Loyola University

“Generation from the Margins: Tradition in the Work of Leonard Cohen”

Donna Freitas, Boston University

“Bridging the (Generation) Gap between Sex and the (Young Catholic) Soul”

Respondent: Lynn Bridgers, College of Santa Fe, New Mexico

10. “Paradigm Change in Theology” Revisited. Selected Session

Convener & Moderator: Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University

Presenters: Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

“Assessing the Küng-Tracy Symposium: A Late-Modern Paradigm Challenged by a Postmodern Context”

Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University

“The Paranoid-Critical Method in Theology, and its Overcoming”

Respondent: Terrence W. Tilley, Fordham University

11. Catholicity and Mission. Topic Session

Convener: Stephen Bevans, Catholic Theological Union

Moderator: C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

Presenters: Bryan Froehle, Dominican University

"Generations in World Catholicism: An Emerging Narrative"

Linh Hoang, Siena College

"Asian American Catholics: Generations of Church Participation?"

Cyril Orji, University of Dayton

"Tridentine Liturgy, Catholicity and Mission: What Hope for a New Generation of African Christians?"

Friday Afternoon, June 6, 20081:00-2:15 Women's Seminar Luncheon1:15-2:15 Hearing of the Resolutions Committee

Presiding: Bryan Massingale, Marquette University, Vice-President, CTSA

2:30-4:15 *Concurrent Sessions*

1. "Reflections on the Theology of Jon Sobrino." Invited Session

Convener & Moderator: Eileen Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent

Panelists: Eileen Fagan, College of Mount Saint Vincent

"Sobrino's Church of Martyrdom"

Stephen Pope, Boston College

"Sobrino's Moral Vision"

Kevin Burke, Jesuit School of Theology

"Sobrino's Christology"

Thomas Kelly, Creighton University

"Sobrino's Theological Lessons from the Poor"

2. Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States

[ACHTUS]: 20th Anniversary Recognition. Invited Session

"ACHTUS from the Founders through Generation Ñ: 20 Years of Theological Activism"

Convener & Moderator: Orlando Espín, ACHTUS Past President 2008-2009, University of San Diego

Presenters: Gary Riebe-Estrella, ACHTUS President-Elect 2008-2009, Catholic Theological Union

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Editor, Electronic Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology, 199-2012, St. John's University, New York

Carmen Nanko-Fernández, ACHTUS President 2008-2009, Catholic Theological Union

3. Church/Ecumenism. Topic Session

Convener: Susan K. Wood, Marquette University

Moderator: Thomas Rausch, Loyola Marymount University

- Presenter: Catherine Clifford, St. Paul University, Ottawa
 “A New Phase of the Ecumenical Movement”
- Respondent: Bradford Hinze, Fordham University
4. Black Catholic Theology. Consultation
 “Black Catholic Theologians Across the Generations”
 Convener and Moderator: Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Mt. Mary College
 Panelists: LaReine-Marie Mosely, Loyola University, Chicago
 Lilian Dube-Chirairo, University of San Francisco
 Diana Hayes, Georgetown University
 Paulinus Odozor, University of Notre Dame
5. “Crossing Boundaries, Across Generations: To and From the 1893
 World’s Parliament of Religions.” Selected Session
 Convener: Reid B. Locklin, University of Toronto, Saint Michael’s College
 Moderator: Michael T. McLaughlin, Saint Leo University
 Panelists: Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
 Reid B. Locklin, University of Toronto (Saint Michael’s College)
 Respondent: Cara L. Anthony, University of St. Thomas
6. “Children: The Next Generation? Insights from Ethics and Pastoral Care.”
 Selected Session
 Convener: Mary M. Doyle Roche, College of the Holy Cross
 Moderator: Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College
 Presenters/Panelists: Annemie Dillen, K.U. Leuven, Belgium
 Mary M. Doyle Roche, College of the Holy Cross
7. Method in Theology & Fundamental Theology. Topic Session
 “Appealing to the Tradition: Recent Shifts”
 Convener: Gregory LaNave, Dominican House of Studies
 Moderator: Matthew Levering, Ave Maria University
 Presenters: Dominic Doyle, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
 “Christian Humanism from Jacques Maritain to Nicholas
 Boyle: Adapting a Classic Motif to a Globalized Age”
 John Corbett, Dominican House of Studies
 “Paraclesis and Prophecy in Thomistic Moral Theology”
8. God, Animals and Humans. Interest Group
 “Exploring the Theological Interdependence of Animals and People”
 Convener: Elizabeth Farians, Xavier University
 Moderator: William French, Loyola University
 Panelists: Alice Laffey, Holy Cross College
 Elizabeth Adams-Eilers, Temple University
 Respondent: Elizabeth Farians, Xavier University
9. Moral Theology. Topic Session
 Convener: William Mattison, III, Catholic Theological Union—Chicago
 Moderator: Dawn M. Nothwehr, College of New Rochelle

Presenters/Panelists: David A. Clairmont, University of Notre Dame
"Teaching Basic Freedom in Moral Theology to the
'Facebook' Generation: From the Cumulative
Problems of Racism and Environmental Degradation"
David Cloutier, Mount St. Mary's University
"Revising Revisionism: Bernard Häring, Herbert
McCabe, and Postconciliar Moral Theology"

10. Historical Studies. Topic Session

Convener & Moderator: Sandra Yocum Mize, University of Dayton

Presenter: Jürgen Mettepenningen, Leuven, Belgium

"The Generation that Resuscitated Historical Theology"

Respondent: William Portier, University of Dayton

11. Christology. Topic Session

"Jesus of Galilee for Culturally Contextualized Theologies Grounded in
the Option for the Poor"

Convener: Mark F. Fischer, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo

Moderator: Robert Lassalle-Klein, Holy Names University

Presenters/Panelists: Michael Lee, Fordham University

"Raised in Jerusalem: A New Galilean Journey in
the U.S."

Jamie Phelps, Xavier University

"Jesus in Black Spirituality and Theology"

Sophia Park, Holy Names University

"Jesus as Border Person in Korean Theology"

12. Christianity and Judaism/Inter-Religious Studies. Consultation

"Is there salvation outside the Church? An Interreligious Conversation"

Convener: John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

Moderator: Franklin Harkins, Fordham University

Introduction: John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

"An Overview of the Christian-Jewish Consultation"

Panelists: Mary Boys, Union Theological Seminary

Peter Phan, Georgetown University

Alan Berger, Florida Atlantic University

4:30-6:00 *CTSA Business Meeting*

Presiding: Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College

President, CTSA

Parliamentarian: Jaroslav Skira, Regis College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

6:15-7:45 *Receptions*

President's Reception for New/Newer Members

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Reception for Alumni/ae

(sponsored by Peeters Press)

The Catholic University of America Alumni/ae

Theological Studies Reception
 Duquesne University Reception for Chairs, Deans and Alumni
 Liturgical Press' Champagne Reception for *Engaging Theology*

Saturday Morning, June 7, 2008

7:15-8:45 *Breakfast Meeting: Karl Rahner Society*

8:30-8:45 *Morning Prayer*

9:00-10:45 *Concurrent Sessions*

1. "Communicating the Faith." Invited Session

Moderator: Timothy P. Muldoon, Boston College

Panelists: James Heft, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University
 of Southern California
 Robert Imbelli, Boston College
 Natalia Imperatori-Lee, Manhattan College
 Timothy P. Muldoon, Boston College

2. U.S. Hispanic/Latino/a Theology and Ministry. Selected Session
 "For This Generation and Those to Come: U.S. Hispanic/Latino/a
 Theology for Ministry"

Convener: Gloria L. Schaab, Barry University

Moderator: Mark E. Wedig, Barry University

Panelists: Michelle González Maldonado, University of Miami
 Elsie Miranda, Barry University
 Jorge Presmanes, Barry University

Respondent: Alicia Marill, Barry University

3. Theology and Natural Science. Topic Session

Convener and Moderator: William R. Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Research
 Group, Steward Observatory, The University of
 Arizona

Presenter: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
 "Generations of Thinking about God's Attributes"

4. Moral Theology. Topic Session

Convener: Dawn M. Nothwehr, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Moderator: William C. Mattison, III, Catholic University of America

Presenters: Jana Marguerite Bennett, Hampden-Sydney College
 "Being Single in a Married Church"

Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman, College of Saint Benedict/Saint
 John's University

"The Little White Pill: Contraception and Its Influence on
 the 'Un-Hooked' Dating Practices of Today's Young Men
 and Women"

5. "Privileging the Present? Catholic Social Thought and Future Generations." Selected Session

Convener: Regina Wentzel Wolfe, Dominican University

Moderator: Keith Soko, St. Ambrose University

Presenter: William George, Dominican University

Respondent: Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University

6. The Karl Rahner Society. Consultation

"Re-interpreting Rahner's Balance"

Convener: Terrance Klein, Fordham University

Moderator: Heidi Russell, St. Monica Congregation

Presenters: Robert Masson, Marquette University

Respondent: Philip Endean, Campion Hall, Oxford University

7. Sacramental Life and Liturgy. Topic Session

Convener: Susan A. Ross, Loyola University, Chicago

Moderator: Judith Kubicki, Fordham University

Presenters: Stephen Sauer, Loyola Marymount University

"Ritual Performativity, *Summorum Pontificum* and Catholic Youth"

Solange Lefebvre, University of Montréal

Susan A. Ross, Loyola University

Discussion of *Stages of Life and Christian Experience*

(Concilium 2007/5)

Respondent: Timothy Brunk, Villanova University

8. "Suffering, Joy and Ethics: A discussion of Sidney Callahan's *Created for Joy: A Christian View of Suffering*." Selected Session

Convener: Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University

Moderator: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

Presenters/Panelists: Christina Astorga, Duquesne University

Robert Daly, Boston College

Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University

Respondent: Sidney Callahan

9. Asian Theologies. Consultation

"Between Generations: Asian Theologies Between Cultures and Religions."

Convener: Gemma Cruz, St. Ambrose University

Moderator: Joseph Cheah, St. Joseph College

Presenters: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

"The Inter-religious Imperative for Asian and Asian North American Communities"

Rachel Bundang, Santa Clara University

"Situating Moral Agency within Asian/Pacific American Theologies"

Respondents: Ruben Habito, Southern Methodist University

Michael McLaughlin, St. Leo University

10. Spirituality. Topic Session

“Play and Creative Process as ‘Spiritual’”

Convener and Moderator: James Wiseman, Catholic University of America

Presenters: Wendy Wright, Creighton University

“Meister Eckhart Meets the Blue Army: An Inquiry into the Relationship between Spirituality (and its study) and ‘Popular’ and ‘Traditionalist’ Catholic Devotion”

Patrick Kelly, Seattle University

“How Can We Understand Play and Artistic and Creative Processes as ‘Spiritual’?”

11. “Christian Readings of the Islamic Tradition.” Selected Session

Convener: Pim Valkenberg, Loyola College in Maryland

Moderator: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University

Panelists: Dan Madigan, Georgetown University

Pim Valkenberg, Loyola College in Maryland

Respondent: James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 *Third Plenary Session*

Presiding: Terrence W. Tilley, Fordham University

President-Elect, CTSA

“Theologies of Marriage and Family in a New Generation”

Presenters: David Matzko McCarthy, St. Mary’s College, Emmitsburg

“An Overwhelming Desire for Home”

Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University

“A Familial Vocation beyond the Home”

12:45-2:00 CUERG Luncheon Meeting

1:00-2:15 Theological Studies Editorial Consultants Luncheon

Saturday Afternoon, June 7, 2008

2:45-4:30 *Concurrent Sessions*

1. Hispanic/Latino/a Theology. Consultation

“Methods in Latino/a Theologies: Re-imagining Lo Cotidiano”

Convener: Carmen Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union

Panelists: Sixto García, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

Gilberto Cavazos-González, Catholic Theological Union

Cecilia González-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University

2. Theologies of Mary in encounter with popular religiosity and culture:

All generations shall call me blessed/(?) Selected Session

Convener: Dorian Llywelyn, Loyola Marymount University

Moderator: Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

Panelists: Elizabeth Johnson, Fordham University

Wendy Wright, Creighton University
Charlene Spretnak, California Institute of Integral Studies
Dorian Llywelyn, Loyola Marymount University

3. "Global Warming: Facts, Fictions, Theories, and Catholic Theology."
Selected Session
Moderator: Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Presenter: David Quesada, St. Thomas University
Respondents: Robert Faricy, Pontifical Gregorian University (Emeritus)
William French, Loyola University (Chicago)
4. "Generations of Schillebeeckx Scholarship." Selected Session
Convener: Kathleen McManus, University of Portland
Moderator: Erin Lothes Biviano, Columbia University
Presenters/Panelists: Erik Borgman, Tilburg University
Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary
5. Catholic Social Thought. Topic Session
"Incarceration: A Case Study of the Challenges of White Privilege to U.S.
Catholic Social Teaching"
Convener: Bryan Massingale, Marquette University
Moderator: Kristen Heyer, Loyola Marymount University
Panelists: Alex Mikulich, Saint Joseph College
Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University
Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame
7. Creation and Eschatology. Topic Session
"Revisioning Apocalyptic: the Contributions of Merton and Newman to
Eschatology Today"
Convener: Mary Doak, University of San Diego
Moderator: Natalie Weaver, Ursuline College
Presenters: Damon McGraw, University of Notre Dame
"Remembering How to Watch for the Second Coming"
Christopher Pramuk, Xavier University (Cincinnati)
"Christ 'Held Down to Street Level': Irony and Apocalyptic in
Thomas Merton's Late Christology"
8. "The Trinity from the Resources of Asian Religious Traditions." Selected
Session
Convener: Peter Phan, Georgetown University
Moderator: Ruben Habito, Southern Methodist University
Presenters/Panelists: Frank Clooney, Harvard University
"The Trinity and Hinduism"
James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
"The Trinity and Buddhism"
Peter Phan, Georgetown University
"The Trinity and Confucianism"

9. Hans Urs von Balthasar Society. Consultation
 Neither “Kid Nation” nor “A World Without Children”: Balthasar’s Theology of Youthfulness in Relation to Romanticism and Contemporary Culture
 Convener and Moderator: Barbara Sain, University of St. Thomas
 Presenters: Christopher Denny, St. John’s University, Queens, NY
 “Which Holy Child? German Romantic Rivals to Balthasar’s Theology of Youth”
 Connie Lasher, John Paul II Institute for Theology & Environmental Studies
 “‘Gardening at Night’: Recovering von Balthasar’s Theme of Youthfulness ‘for and in a New Generation’”
 Respondent: Christophe Potworowski, McGill University
10. New Generation Theologians and the CTSA. Selected Session
 “Looking Toward the Future: Challenges and Possibilities Facing the Next Generation of Catholic Moral Theologians”
 Convener: Jozef Zalot
 Moderator: Christopher Vogt, St. John’s University
 Panelists: Dana Dillon, Providence College
 “The Impact of the Decline of the Catholic Sub-Culture on a Next Generation of Catholic Moral Theologians”
 Kathryn Getek, Boston College
 “Catholic Theological Ethicists at Padua and Trent: New Scholars in the World Church”
 Jozef Zalot, College of Mount St. Joseph
 “Collaboration with Magisterial Authority”
 William C. Mattison III, The Catholic University of America
 “New Wine, New Wineskins: Lessons from Six Years of Symposia of Pre-Tenure Catholic Moral Theologians”
11. Historical Studies. Topic Session
 “The influence of Adam’s sin on next generations”
 Convener and Moderator: Sandra Yocum Mize, University of Dayton
 Presenters: Anthony Dupont, Leuven, Belgium
 “The influence of Adam’s sin on next generations: The relation *natura-gratia* in Augustine’s anti-pelagian *sermones ad populum*.”
 K. Schelkens, Catholic University of Leuven
 “The Concept of *natura pura* from generation to generation”
12. The Muslim-Christian Dialogue. Interest Group
 Convener & Moderator: Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University
 Presenters: Pim Valkenberg, Loyola College in Maryland
 “Seeking Common Ground in Christian-Muslim Dialogue: M.F. Gulen and ‘A Common Ground’”
 Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University
 “Interfaith Relations in the Thought of M. Fethullah Gulen.”

5:30 *Eucharist, Gesu Church, Miami*

6:30 *Reception*

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7:30 *John Courtney Murray Award Banquet*

Sunday Morning, June 8, 2008

7:15-8:45 *Conveners' Breakfast Meeting*

8:30-8:45 *Morning Prayer*

9:00-10:00 *Fourth Plenary Session: Presidential Address*

Presiding: Bryan Massingale, Marquette University, Vice-President, CTSA
 Margaret O'Gara, University of St. Michael's College; President,
 CTSA

 "Ecumenical Dialogue: The Next Generation"

10:00 *Appointment of the New President*

Adjournment

Breakfast Reception

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *Meeting and Luncheon: CTSA Board of Directors*

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY AWARD 2008

The academic path taken by this year's recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award runs from west to east: undergraduate studies on the West Coast; graduate studies in the Midwest; and, now for more than three decades, a teaching position on the East Coast.

Our awardee has made outstanding and influential contributions in diverse areas of Christian ethics. In bioethics, invoking the tradition of Catholic social teaching about the common good, solidarity, human dignity, and the option for the poor in order to argue for an allocation of healthcare resources that is fair and just to all members of society. In sexual ethics, reflecting critically on the topics of gender, parenthood, and personal responsibility. In fundamental theological ethics, leading ecumenical deliberations on the relationship of Jesus Christ, the Scriptures, and the moral tradition.

This eminent reputation is underscored by a summary of our honoree's scholarly publications and academic honors. Author of eight books and editor of five others. Writer of more than 150 scholarly essays. Mentor of hundreds of students from around the world. Recipient of nine honorary degrees. Fellow of

the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. President of the Society of Christian Ethics. President of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

However, this person's labors as a theologian have not been confined to working with students and colleagues in the library, the office, and the classroom. Here are some of the tasks our awardee has taken on in direct service of the wider church and society. Consultant to the U.S. Bishops in their preparations for the 1987 Synod on the Laity, their 1987 pastoral document on AIDS, their 1992 project on "domestic church," and their implementation of the Vatican's Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities. Presenter of a paper on "Women's Health Issues" at a conference of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life in 1998. Member of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. Advisor to Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good. Advisor to the campaign of Barack Obama to become President of the United States.

Fellow members of the CTSA, please join me in congratulating a graduate of Santa Clara University, a student of James Gustafson at the University of Chicago Divinity School, the J. Donald Monan Professor of Theology at Boston College, the wife of Larry and the mother of their five children, our esteemed colleague and dear friend, Lisa Sowle Cahill.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Margaret O'Gara called the annual business meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. Jaroslav Skira served as Parliamentarian.

Committee on Admissions

Edward Hahnenberg, Chair, presented the report of the Admissions Committee. The other members of the committee were Susan Abraham, Kathleen Cahalan, Jaroslav Skira and Theresa Moser, the secretary of the CTSA, *ex officio*. Kathleen Cahalan and Jaroslav Skira will continue to serve on the committee next year. From approximately 76 applications returned during the year, the committee in its review determined that 70 qualified for membership, 43 for active membership and 27 for associate membership. Five of the applicants for active membership and one for associate membership were determined not to meet the criteria for membership at this time. Eight of the applicants for active membership had formerly been associate members. Thirty-three (47%) of the new members, both active and associate, are women. Twelve (17%) are from underrepresented races/ethnicities. Six (9%) are from outside the United States. The Admissions Committee recommended that the seventy applicants whose names have been posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting be admitted to the Society.

The CTSA members present at the meeting approved the committee's recommendation by a voice vote. The president asked the new members who were present at the convention to stand and be recognized. They were greeted with a round of applause. The president then invited the new members and others who

had been admitted to membership recently to a reception to be held immediately following the business meeting. Brief biographical entries and addresses of the new members are found in the addenda to the CTSA Directory contained in this volume of the *Proceedings*.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Peter Casarella, chair of the Committee on Nominations, gave the committee report. The other members of the committee were Roberto Goizueta and Mary Hines. Peter Casarella, Roberto Goizueta and Mary Hines will continue to serve on the committee next year. The slate of nominees proposed by the committee follows:

For vice-president: Mary Ann Hinsdale
Jean-Pierre Ruiz

For board members: Edmund Kee-Fook Chia
Catherine Cornille
Miguel H. Diaz
Christine Firer Hinze

There were no nominations from the floor.

Mary Ann Hinsdale was elected vice president. Christine Firer Hinze was elected to the board on the second ballot. Miguel Diaz was elected to the Board on the third ballot. Secretary Mary Theresa Moser and treasurer Jozef Zalot were re-elected for a one-year term by acclamation later in the meeting. Terrence W. Tilley becomes president for 2008-2009. Bryan N. Massingale becomes president-elect. The others who will continue to serve on the board of directors are Margaret O'Gara as past president, Stephen Bevans and Nancy Pineda-Madrid.

President's Report

President O'Gara reported on the appointments she had made to CTSA committees, including the nominations committee, the admissions committee, the resolutions committee, the La Cugna Award committee, and the reconstitution of the Committee on Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Constituencies (CUERG) under Peter Phan's leadership.

She noted that this year the CTSA Board has been revisiting its communications strategy. She consulted with Pam Schaeffer, former Communications Director for the Religious of the Sacred Heart, to get her feedback on what kind of public impression the CTSA gives to members and non-members. Phase one of the new strategy is near completion, the revision and update of the website.

President O'Gara announced that the *Proceedings* will no longer be published by Mercer University Press, due to the serious illness of CTSA's long-time contact there, Edmon Rowell. Jonathan Tan, *Proceedings* Editor, has negotiated a one-time contract with Sheridan Press for the 2008 *Proceedings*. In the light of rising costs, the Board is re-examining the publication of the *Proceedings* and considering options. More information will follow.

As in the past, members of the CTSA board, President O’Gara, President-elect Terrence Tilley, Vice-President Bryan Massingale, Roger McGrath, CTSA Coordinator for Relations Between Bishops and Theologians and William Loewe, representing the College Theology Society met with members of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Doctrine. The bishops present at the annual dinner were Bishop William E. Lori, Chair, Diocese of Bridgeport; Bishop Robert J. McManus, Diocese of Worcester; consultants Avery Cardinal Dulles, and Sister Sara Butler; and staff member Fr. Thomas Weinandy. O’Gara described the conversation as cordial and frank. The meetings with the U.S. Bishops Committee on Doctrine will continue, and President O’Gara is working on establishing a liaison to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

President O’Gara thanked Executive Director Christie, her secretary Mary Jane Ponyik and the volunteers who helped with the registration process and hotel events. She acknowledged the fine work of the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Joseph Iannone, and thanked CTSA secretary Theresa Moser, treasurer Jozef Zalot, and parliamentarian Jaroslav Skira for their contributions to the CTSA convention.

President-Elect’s Report

President-Elect Terrence Tilley reported on the preparations for the convention. Since this is the first convention under the new structure, he reviewed the procedure for electing new topic session leaders and reminded the members to complete the salmon-colored evaluations in their packets. He looks forward to receiving the feedback, including any glitches in procedure which need to be fixed.

Vice-President’s Report

Vice-President Bryan Massingale announced that the theme of the 2009 convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia will be “Impasse . . . and Beyond.” Referring to the “signs of the times,” he gave examples of the types of impasse people can experience: stalemates over global warming, the lack of reconciliation between groups, problems between bishops and theologians and with a curialist culture. Impasse can also be a call to do things in different ways. What new light and theological factors can lead to a breakthrough? Plenaries will address the theme from the perspectives of Church history, contemporary spirituality and moral theology. Highlighting the presence of the CTSA in Canada, some sessions will address common issues being discussed in the U.S. and Canada, such as immigration and same-sex marriage. He announced that two new Interest Groups have been approved: “Restorative Justice and Reconciliation,” led by Robert Schreiter, and “Catholic Theology and Global Warming,” led by Jame Schaeffer.

When planning sessions, Massingale reminded the topic session leaders that ordinarily members can only be on the program for one speaking role during the convention. So as to allow time for discussion, ordinarily no session will have more than three speakers. The deadline for audio-visual requests is January 15th.

Leaders of the topic sessions must attend the Conveners Breakfast on Sunday morning, June 8th, to discuss preparations for the 2009 convention. Leaders of interest groups and consultations are also welcome to attend.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Theresa Moser reported that there are currently over 1,300 members on the CTSA listserv, which is constantly being updated. This past year she received word of the sudden and unexpected death of several current CTSA members and sent the information, including news of funeral arrangements, if available, to the CTSA members on the listserv. She will continue to send such messages from the membership. Obituary information should be sent to the President and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jozef Zalot referred members to the financial report and balance sheet that was included in the convention folders. While the report shows an operating deficit, it is not a true deficit but an accounting transaction. The CTSA had a restricted fund balance of over \$16,000 for programs with the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference. This amount was used last year to cover the expenses especially of bishops from Third World countries who participated in the convention. Since the CTSA was able afterwards to cover these costs from operating expenses, the funds in the restricted account were left in the investment account.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Dolores Christie announced that 387 members pre-registered for the meeting and a number of others have been registering on site. She thanked Secretary Moser for sending a listserv reminder so that members could make their hotel reservations before the deadline. The 2009 convention will be at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 4-7, 2009. Halifax is one hour east of Eastern Standard Time. The hotel rate is not yet firm, due to the exchange rate, but will likely be high for U.S. attendees. To encourage attendance, the Board will offer a one-time \$40 discount from the registration fee. The 2010 convention will be in Cleveland, Ohio, June 10-13, at the Cleveland Renaissance Hotel.

Committee on Under-represented Groups

Peter Phan, chair of the Committee on Under-represented Ethnic and Racial Groups (CUERG) gave the report. He announced that Carmen Nanko-Fernandez had agreed to be his assistant. The committee has been re-examining its mission and task. He noted that four members of the committee had been elected CTSA presidents and many others had been elected to the CTSA board of directors. The CTSA now has special sessions for Black, Latino/a and Asian theology, and new members from under-represented groups. So he thanked the CTSA members for doing a good job. He also thanked Jon Nilson for his work in preparing the

exhibit of new books, the luncheon to welcome new members, and the new brochure.

Looking to the future, he encourages members of program units to include CUERG members, so that they are not just isolated in their own groups. He asked CTSA professors to encourage their students who self-identify as members of under-represented groups to become involved in the CTSA. CTSA professors could also help by incorporating writings of CUERG groups in their syllabi. Jean-Pierre Ruiz and Peter will prepare a proposal to be sent to Wabash regarding curriculum. In the meantime, CUERG will work to establish a section on the CTSA web page for bibliographic information, new articles, etc.

Finally, Peter Phan issued a warm welcome to new members to attend the luncheon at 1:00 in the Japengo Room at the hotel. (Note: The full report on CUERG is printed in the Appendix 2 of the Proceedings).

INSeCT Report

Brad Hinze presented the report of the International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology. Dr. Catherine Clifford, on the faculty at the Université Saint Paul, Ontario, will replace him as the new representative from CTSA. He announced that the Second INSeCT Colloquium will be held in two weeks at DePaul University in Chicago. As a “sign of the times,” he noted that the program will include discussions of theological challenges in an age of globalization—international and intercultural relations, globalization, ecology. Thirty theologians from six continents speaking different languages will be participants. New officers will be elected at the meeting.

President O’Gara added that the CTSA gives financial support to INSeCT and that President-elect Tilley will represent the CTSA at the meeting in Chicago.

Presentation of Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for Best Essay by a New Scholar

President O’Gara announced that the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for Best Academic Essay by a new Scholar had been awarded to Dominic Doyle. She presented him with a plaque honoring him for the prize-winning essay, “Retrieving the Hope of Christian Humanism: A Thomistic Reflection on Charles Taylor and Nicholas Boyle.” CTSA members responded with a warm ovation in recognition of his achievement. Following is the abstract:

The writings of Charles Taylor and Nicholas Boyle mark a significant development in the Christian humanist tradition. Drawing more on Hegel than Aquinas, they explore positively the themes of secularity and cultural change, and thus eschew the unrealistic optimism, even triumphalism, of some earlier, Thomistic versions of Catholic humanisms. Nonetheless, because the relationship between their humanist concern for the common good and their Christian desire for religious transcendence remains unclear, it is helpful to reintroduce Thomistic themes into the conversation to qualify the unnuanced appropriation of secularity. One cannot, however, simply repeat the claims of earlier thinkers (such as Jacques

Maritain) who rightly ground Christian humanism on the doctrine of the Incarnation. Appropriate theological foundations for a *contemporary* Christian humanism must also consider the Thomistic doctrine of hope. Since hope moves the believer to God as the human good, it includes, in a single virtue, the two potentially disparate elements of contemporary Christian humanism. Concluding cultural reflections—on recent interpretations of Vatican II and on religious fundamentalism—give some historical substance to this theoretical claim and convey the non-triumphalist nature of this contemporary retrieval of Christian humanism.

President O’Gara then asked for a motion to receive all reports, which was approved by acclamation. With no other business to be addressed, President O’Gara thanked those who had submitted reports, expressed gratitude to Jaroslav Skira for his service as parliamentarian, and invited new and newer members and new Topic area leaders to the President’s reception after the business meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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